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Alnoor Gowani takes the prize.
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IN BRIEF

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High blood pressure rates have "skyrocketed" 77 per cent in 11 years according to the report.

To see all of the details, go to: www.heartandstroke.ca.

IN QUOTES

"A lot of people see him as a Canadian folk hero however ... Tecumseh was American."

Jim Poling on his new book
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Walker takes national curling title

by TERRANCE GAVAN
Times Staff

It formed a seminal moment, a touchstone, and perhaps a vision of things to come for young curling phenom Jake Walker.

It happened last Sunday evening on national television, in the 10th end of the Canadian junior curling final in Sorel-Tracy, Que.

A scenario unfolded like a Sundance script for Minden's Jake Walker, the smooth-throwing, and unerringly focused skip of Team Ontario.

The 20-year-old Walker, the former Hal High curler, was a point down (7-6) to Manitoba, with last rock coming home in the finals of the Canadian juniors.

His shot rock was peeking ever so slightly from behind a protec-

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Flying snowmobiles

Jeff Brand of Minden catches some air while competing in the semi-pro class at the Amsoil Kawartha Cup Snowcross event at the Lindsay Central Exhibition fairgrounds on Saturday, Jan. 23. Photo by Jason Bain/Lindsay Post.

Local boy named Junior Citizen of the Year

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Alnoor Gowani has been named an Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year.

The 13-year-old Archie Stouffer Elementary School student discovered earlier this month that he was one of 130 youths from throughout the province to be nominated for the prize and learned last week that he is one of 12 winners.

The awards, sponsored by TD Canada Trust and Direct Energy and coordinated by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association, recognize youths aged 6 to 17 for outstanding contributions to their communities, whether it be through community service, contributing to community life while living with some kind

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Dorset man charged with drunk driving

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment have charged a male with impaired driving after stopping a vehicle near Dorset this past weekend.

On Saturday, Jan. 23 just before midnight and officer was on patrol when he had occasion to stop a vehicle near Dorset in the township of Algonquin Highlands. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

A 46-year-old man from Algonquin Highlands has been charged with impaired driving, driving over 80 mgs, driving while disqualified and numerous Provincial Offences Act violations.

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Winterfest 2011 selects winning logo design

The games organizing committee of the 2011 Ontario Senior Games – Winterfest, is pleased to announce the winners of the design contest, which was held to ask for logo ideas for the Games.

Close to 20 submissions were received by late November and after reviewing the submissions the committee selected Darby Bayley of Minden as the winner and recipient of the first prize of $201.10. Bayley submitted the "sporting snowman" as her creative idea and the final design of the logo is both engaging and fun. Thank you Bayley!

Runners up included an anonymous volunteer representing 100.9 Canoe FM, and April Martin from Haliburton. Runners up received prizes of $120.11. The committee would like to thank all those that submitted design suggestions.

The logo will begin to appear in all communications, the Winterfest 2011 website, signage and promotion elements associated with the games.

The 2011 Ontario Senior Games – Winterfest, will take place over three days in February of 2011. Haliburton County will be host to the more than 800 senior participants, coaches and officials who will compete in 10 events during Feb. 15 to 17. All competitors are 55 years of age or over and are shining examples of what a healthy active lifestyle does to improve health and your senior years.



Darby Bayley's "sporting snowman", to the left, was selected as the winning design of the 2011 Winterfest logo contest. The logo will be used for all material related to the upcoming event.

The primary funding for Winterfest is from the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion with support provided by the County of Haliburton, Sport Alliance of Ontario and Ontario Senior Games Association.

Cottaging topic of next U-Links lecture

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Those not attending dinner are welcome to join us for the lecture.

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Ice races are on

by **TERRANCE GAVAN**
Times Staff



The cars are bunched and sliding around the clubhouse turn at the Minden ice racing oval at the fairgrounds last Sunday afternoon. Minden has played host to the popular event since 1977. /Photos by Terrance Gavan

It may look chaotic, this dogged, intrepid, and sluiced drift of battered old cars around an icy racing oval; but sit on the edges of the banked up oval on the clubhouse turn long enough on a Sunday afternoon, and the Minden ice races suddenly begin to take on proportions of an eerie ice-bound ballet.

The ice races, a fixture at the Minden fairgrounds since 1977, began their eight-weekend 2010 season two weekends ago.

Last weekend, warm weather made it impossible for the races to accommodate the large stud class.

Minden resident Tom Prentice, an ice racer in the street stud class, and the man responsible for keeping ice on the oval, told the racing committee just prior to last weekend's events that they didn't have cold enough weather to lay down the necessary 12 inches of ice required for the large stud class.

The large stud class cars dig so deep into the ice that they usually rip up from six to eight inches of ice in their races and that amount of base just was not available for the Jan. 23-24 weekend event.

The street stud class and the rubber on ice participants were nonetheless able to fill in a very busy schedule of races last Saturday and Sunday.

About 270 drivers were registered at the Minden fairgrounds last weekend.

The events were originally held on frozen lakes and rivers, but in the late seventies, the Ontario championships moved to more permanent facilities at the fairgrounds in Minden.

The track is laid out, and then repeatedly coated with water – by Prentice and his dedicated crew – until a thick layer of ice is built up between the snow banks that form the boundaries of the course. The ice race season usually starts in mid-January and runs until early March, making up six two-day events.

A newcomer to the circuit is a man well-known to a lot of people in these parts. Anthony vanLieshout sells real estate in the Highlands and last year he and a friend from work, Chris Smolarz, decided to have a go at racing a car of their own.

And vanLieshout says that it's not an expensive proposition. He and Smolarz decided to just jump in about halfway through the 2009 season. They put about $500 into an old beater and a little bit more invested in the street-studded tires.

"We talked about it and between us we decided that because I'm not mechanically inclined and Chris is, that if he'd help with the mechanical aspect of it I'd buy the car and put a Royal LePage sticker on it as a bit of an advertising vehicle and that's how we got involved.

This year they invested in another car and as vanLieshout says they both enjoy getting out on the track.

Last Sunday vanLieshout had a few problems with the car in his first race, however.

"I had some car problems but I made it through the race and you know it's not about winning, it's just a lot of fun," says vanLieshout. "You know, I think I use a lot of my competitive spirit in real estate, but I just have a lot of fun with this.

"It's a great group of people and a good testament to that was after the first race when I had that car trouble I went to one of the guys that I know – he's a mechanic – and he worked on my car and for the second race he had it running real well. It's just a great group of people there, just awesome.

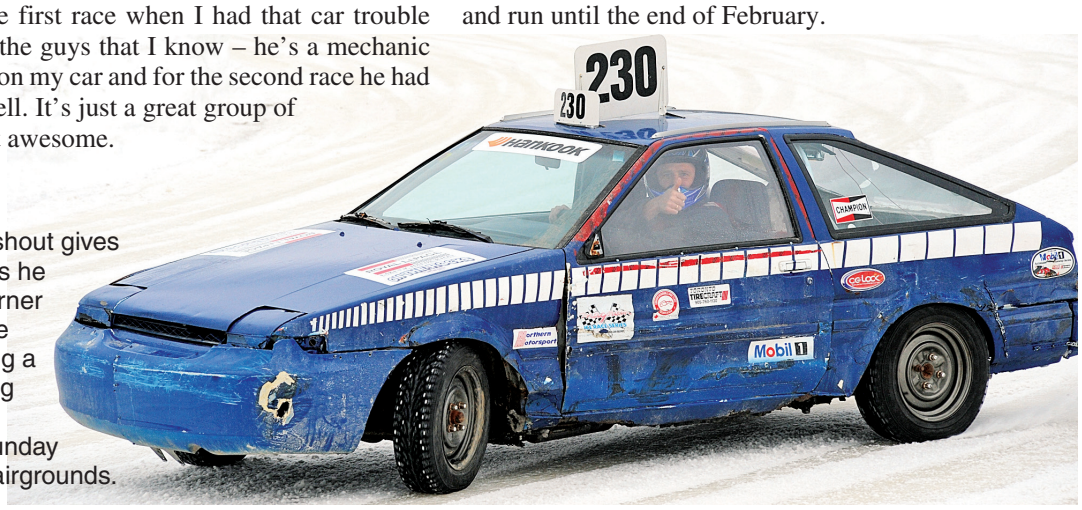
For vanLieshout, like a lot of the drivers it's a safety-first proposition. All drivers must invest in training during their rookie year. Training includes a few ride-alongs with experienced drivers and a written test.

"I'll probably make about eight days of racing out of the 12 race days in the six weekend schedule," says vanLieshout.

And says vanLieshout, the racing helps with all the driving he does in the Highlands.

"Obviously, [ice racing] definitely improves your driving skills," he says. "If you ever get into a skid on the road, you know, you're pretty casual about handling it, because you're used to doing it on the track all the time," says vanLieshout.

Races continue next weekend at the Minden fairgrounds and run until the end of February.



Anthony VanLieshout gives the thumbs up as he drifts out of a corner at the Minden ice racing oval during a Minden ice racing event held each Saturday and Sunday at the Minden Fairgrounds.

Time capsule finishing touch on 150 years

by **TERRANCE GAVAN**
Times Staff

A box full of memorabilia plugged into a wall at the Minden library capped off 150 years of Minden.

The ceremonial silicone capping of a metal fireproof time capsule, containing pictures, a video, sesquicentennial coffee cup, a gavel, photos of current Minden students and various other items was witnessed by a group of Grade 8 students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School as it was packed into a hole in the wall and covered with a plaque last Thursday afternoon.

The driving force behind the time capsule project, Jim Malcomson, with many members of the Minden Hills library committee on hand, welcomed local dignitaries and told the kids from ASES that he and many other of the older members of the library committee probably wouldn't be around when the time capsule is unpacked in 2035, but said he hoped that at least some of the kids would mark the date and come to watch as it is reopened and the contents removed.

"I'd like to welcome the Grade 8 students from Archie Stouffer to this celebration," said Malcomson. "Your class pictures and names of all the students will be placed in the capsule. You can come back in 25 years and see what you looked like."

Bessie Sullivan, the CEO and county librarian for the Haliburton and Minden libraries was asked to give a short presentation and she hearkened an Artemis Fowl book in which the hero Artemis had his mind wiped clean by an enemy. Artemis, said Sullivan, had the foresight to bury a time capsule of his activities so he could recover his memories at a later date.

"Like Artemis Fowl the time capsule will preserve memories for you all to rediscover when it's reopened," she told 30 or so ASES students.

Of course she also suggested that the students also take advantage of borrowing *Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code* from the library.



Terrance Gavan/TIMES

A group of Grade 8 students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden help put the finishing touch on Minden's sesquicentennial celebrations last Thursday at the Minden library. It will be opened in 2035.

County of Haliburton
Broadband Outreach Program

This series of courses is being offered as part of the County of Haliburton's Broadband Outreach Program. This program is made possible by generous funding received through the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) Rural Connections Broadband Program. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of these reasonably priced, yet very interesting, courses.

Internet, Email, and You
This 3-hour introductory level course is directed at individuals interested in learning about the exciting world of the internet. Course content will include web browsing, email, social networking, accessing government services, and other uses of the internet.

Section 1 – **Saturday, February 13** Time: **9:00am-Noon**
Section 2 – **Wednesday, March 24** Time: **9:00am-Noon**
Section 3 – **Thursday April 29** Time: **6:30pm-9:30pm**
Instructor: **Peter Smith**
Fee: **$10.00**

Internet Safety and Security
This 3-hour beginner-intermediate level course is directed at individuals seeking to understand and manage some of the perceived dangers of the internet. The first part of the course will address data and systems security in the face of spam, phishing, viruses, and junk mail. Secondly, the course will help in 'web-proofing' systems and children from undesirable content and social interactions.

Section 1 – **Saturday, February 20** Time: **9:00am-Noon**
Section 2 – **Wednesday, March 31** Time: **9:00am-Noon**
Section 3 – **Thursday May 6** Time: **6:30pm-9:30pm**
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Your Domain - Your Brand
This 3-hour introductory level course is directed at small/medium business operators interested in raising the profile of their brand through a customized web domain. A customized web domain offers businesses a unique address on the internet. This brings businesses a high level of portability, visibility, and general perception of professionalism. The course will help in finding and developing a domain. Specific items to be touched upon will include business website and email basics.

Section 1 – **Saturday, February 27** Time: **9:00am-Noon**
Section 2 – **Wednesday, April 7** Time: **9:00am-Noon**
Section 3 – **Thursday May 13** Time: **6:30pm-9:30pm**
Instructor: **Peter Smith**
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Understanding Web Design
This 3-hour intermediate level course is directed at small/medium business operators looking to manage the development, or redevelopment, of a business website. The objective of the course is not to teach people how to program their own website, instead it is designed to help business operators effectively work with web designers. Essentially, the goal is to teach what is happening 'under the hood' of a business website. Topics to be covered include HTML, Flash, cgi scripting (php, ASP, JavaScript, etc.), and database integration.

Section 1 – **Saturday, March 6** Time: **9:00am-Noon**
Section 2 – **Wednesday, April 14** Time: **9:00am-Noon**
Section 3 – **Thursday May 20** Time: **6:30pm-9:30pm**
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Dorset tower must wait

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

While the Dorset tower may be in need of a paint job, the upgrade won't likely be happening this year.

During preliminary budget discussions at a Jan. 21 meeting, Algonquin Highlands councillors discussed painting the tower, but seemed to agree it wasn't a priority for 2010.

Members of the Algonquin Cooperative Development Corporation visited councillors in the fall and suggested that giving Dorset's foremost tourist attraction a facelift might be in the township's best interests.

The corporation, a not-for-profit organization focused on community development in and around Dorset, suggested the price to paint the eight-storey structure might run $50,000.

However, Reeve Eleanor Harrison, recalled that painting the bridge in Dorset had cost Haliburton County and the District of Muskoka more than $200,000, suggested the price of painting the tower would likely be much higher.

"I think it would be closer to $375,000," Harrison estimated, suggesting that the township acquire official estimates.

Councillor Don Shortreed suggested that if council was going to spend money on the tower it should be on the road leading up to the lookout, which he said is in need of repair.

Councillor Carol Moffatt suggested the township look at installing actual washrooms at the site, since some tourists object to using the outhouses at the park. Moffatt said these tourists often end up lined up outside the Dorset Heritage Museum to use washroom facilities there, which causes problems for the museum.

"I don't think that we charge enough for [admitting] buses," Moffatt added, suggesting that the current admission price of $20 per bus in insufficient, since it equates to less than $1 per person.

The township will be seeking FedDev funding, money from the federal government for development projects in Southern Ontario, for some of the improvements.

Algonquin Highlands councillors held preliminary budget discussions last Thursday and Friday.

Council cannot finalize its budget until county council has finalized its 2010 budget. The next county budget meeting is scheduled to take place in early March.

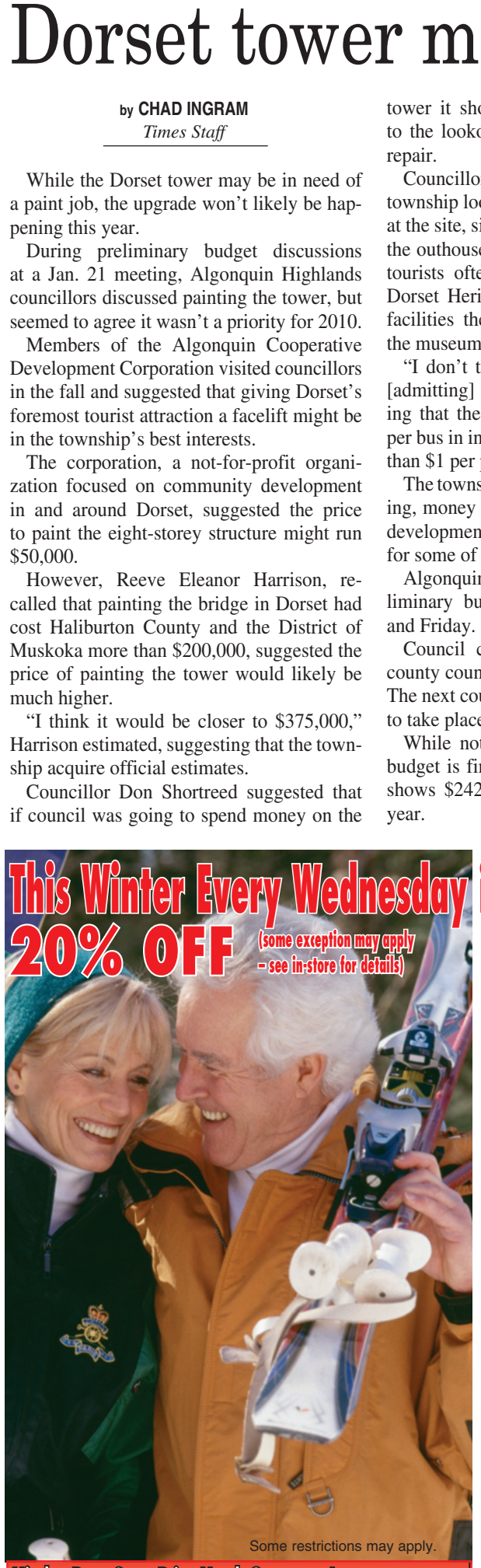
While nothing in Algonquin Highlands's budget is final at this time, the draft budget shows $242,500 allotted for legal fees this year.



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Minden ice racers giving back

Twin Lakes Motor Club president Dave Galos (middle) and ice racing surface guru Tom Prentice present a cheque for $3,000 on behalf of the Minden ice racing community to Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The cheque presentation happened just prior to the start of Sunday racing at the Minden Fairgrounds last Sunday afternoon.



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EDITORIALCOMMENT

Let's have some answers

A LITTLE COMMUNICATION can go a long way.

With just less than five months remaining before the G8 summit in Huntsville, Haliburton County residents know about as much about how the leaders' summit will affect their day-to-day lives as they did when it was first announced that Muskoka would be hosting the meeting.

And that is basically nothing.

What do we know?

We know that between June 25 and 27, the world's most powerful and influential leaders will converge on Huntsville's Deerhurst Resort to chat and hold a photo shoot.

We know there will be a number of security measures put into place that will restrict movement along Hwy. 60.

We've been told by members of the summit's integrated security team that the summit will not draw on the county's emergency services.

That's about it.

How busy will Highways 118 and 35 be during the conference?

Members of the security team have been unable, or unwilling, to answer.

In the absence of an answer, we're left to guess for ourselves.

Some of the county's municipal politicians and staff members have estimated there will be gridlock on the county's main highways, while others believe the knowledge that the summit is taking place will keep people out of the area and keep the highways basically empty.

The bottom line is we just don't know.

What can Haliburtonians expect to see during the conference?

While some in the area have guessed that county residents won't even be able to tell the conference is going on, last week the manager of the Stanhope Airport said the airport may be used to store small fighter planes during the meeting and that he thought Algonquin Highlands residents could expect to see military types bearing arms in the township during the event.

Again, the bottom line is we just don't know.

How badly delayed can shop owners in the Dorset and Oxtongue Lake areas expect their shipments to be?

How much should senior citizens stock up on their medications?

All of these questions need answers.

Thankfully, members of integrated security team will be taking questions from the public at a forum at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

The people of this county deserve some answers.

Chad Ingram

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Times readers write

Kudos for cat adoption

To the Editor:

Well done Paulmac's Pet Foods!

What a nice heartwarming story with such a happy outcome for so many wonderful cats.

Cats are very adaptable and can win over their new caregiver's heart quite easily. It's a win-win situation for all.

Keep up the good work, I'm sure the cats would thank you if they could.

Lisa Robertson
Haliburton Cat Sitting

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

On the trail

To the Editor,

There is a terrific trail in Haliburton that permits travellers a beautiful route between Haliburton village south to the county line just north of Kinmount, and continues as the Victoria Rail Trail south through Lindsay and terminates at Bethany. It is the Haliburton Rail Trail.

A few years ago the owner of the Haliburton Rail Trail, Haliburton County, determined through a study, that the best way to utilize the trail was to make it available to multiple users.

Now people who enjoy riding horses, walking, hiking, riding bicycles and ATVs have a place to travel that is not only scenic, but gets them away from road vehicles making it safer. The county and HATVA came to an agreement which was valid for one year, to allow ATVs to use the trail, provided HATVA insure and warden the trail, use calcium for dust control and many other items.

see TRAIL *page 9*

Miss Pie Gone



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

THE OTHER DAY a woman, apparently from PETA, hit Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea in the face with a tofu pie. This is the sort of thing a person does when they a) have very few functioning brain cells and b) are protesting the seal hunt.

Afterall, there's nothing like pie throwing to tell the world that your side has thought this thing through.

The minister, to her credit, took it all in stride. But, if I were she, I'd rearm my security detachment and not with guns either. Apparently, even the violent use of a tofu pie isn't enough to warrant their use. This, despite the fact that nothing demonstrates malicious intent like tofu.

No, what I'd do is add a new specialist to my security detachment – a French pastry chef and master of the culinary arts. Obviously, he'd have to be versed in security techniques. But, more than that, he'd also have to be someone who could, without fail, identify a pie when it is produced in the front row seat immediately opposite the minister's podium.

I see him jumping up and yelling something like, "Mon Dieu! She has a tourte! And it's store bought!"

That would be the signal for the remaining security team to tackle the minister and form a human shield around her while drawing concealed cutlery should they need to make the ultimate sacrifice of eating tofu.

Meanwhile, our secret agent chef would whip up, from scratch, a pie, whose crust is light and airy. He'd then quickly assume a defensive posture and yell something mocking like, "You call that a crust? It's soggy!" Thus, the attacker's morale and will to proceed would be crushed.

I wouldn't stop there, though.

I'd also train my security detail to win, not just survive, a pie fight. Needless to say, this would require repetitive exposure to several episodes of The Three Stooges and I Love Lucy. I'd keep the training basic, however. For instance, I'd emphasize the fact that you don't stand up after successfully ducking a pie to make a face at the person who threw it at you.

That's a rookie's mistake that practically invites another one to the back of the head. I'd also instruct them not to walk behind the intended target, who invariably ducks, and exposes you to a pie in the ear. This leaves you with no other choice than to grab a pie from a passing waiter and throw it back, thus escalating an already volatile situation.

Last, I'd insist that everyone watching over the minister carries at least one concealed pie, although the shoulder holster is, at this point, problematic.

This sort of training would help protect our hard-working government ministers from being assaulted by these culinary-terrorists. Or, at the very least, make the whole thing far more entertaining to watch.

In a perfect world, this type of needless political, food-based violence wouldn't happen. We'd use spitballs instead.

I suppose there are worse ways to show your disapproval of government policies – for instance, by getting celebrities to pose naked and preach about things they know little about.

Still, when it comes to pie throwing, I, for one, have had my fill.

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Beware the food you eat



BACKOFBEYOND

Neil Campbell

IT'S EASY to make fun of the health police, as this column so often does, but I wouldn't want to be one of them.

More precisely, I wouldn't want to be in charge of talking folks like me into doing what is good for us. Keeping our food safe and healthy is more complicated than it seems.

I thought of this after inspecting of the shelves of a local supermarket in search of salt and after reading about a court decision that legalized raw milk.

It must be a constant push for the food police, against folks who don't want to know, or think they know but don't, or think they should have the right to make their own bad choices, and against a system that organizes food processing and distribution on a scale that begs for solutions that may put us at risk.

Add that to the fact that food preparation has become so much of an afterthought for most of us that we don't put together our meals from scratch, which is the safest way to do it.

Milk is supposed to be nature's most perfect food, although it is no longer natural and careless handling can make it as dangerous as, say, water – two horns of a dilemma that keep pasteurization in the courts.

Pasteurization was perhaps the 20th century's great triumph in health safety. Raw milk spread diseases as virulent as tuberculosis and pasteurization stopped that.

Advocates of raw milk argue that pasteurization also kills the good bacteria that human stomachs need to process food so that we need cow's milk in its natural form to make our digestive systems work.

Whatever the merits of the arguments for and against pasteurization, our food-supply system is hooked on it. Milk can travel great distances from farm gate to bottler to supermarket and then sit on shelves for much longer because of it.

Sodium (salt) was a preservative and over the thousands of generations before refrigeration we learned to expect the taste of it in everything we ate. Now most of us eat so much salt it is probably killing us.

A taste for salt passes on from mother to child. A line of products called Gerber Graduates for Toddlers lil' entrees carries on the tradition.

A toddler requires 1,000 milograms of sodium a day, according to Dietitians of Canada. Gerber's lil' entrees provide as many as 550mg each. Three meals a day and your toddler is way over the limit.

You can check sodium content by reading labels except that the labels are, to be charitable, misleading.

Adults need 1,500 mg of sodium a day, less as we grow older. The upper safe limit is 2,300 but labels give the content as a percentage of 2,400, the old upper limit.

So the number is a percentage not of what is good for us, but of what regulators once thought we could get away with. Keep the number 1,500 in mind when you look at the labels. Some samples: Hormel Compleats Chicken Alfredo, which looks like a pretty small meal to me, contains 1,230 mg of sodium. Half a bowl of Mr. Noodles Bowl chicken soup contains 1,430 milligirams of sodium but no chicken at all. But we old bachelors might make a meal of a whole bowl and get twice our daily requirement at a single sitting.

Two slices of roast beef at the deli counter cost you 600 mg, Johnsonville brats 810, a glass of V8 480, low-calorie dinners from Lean Cuisine and Weight Watchers about 600.

And so it goes.

Processed food is the new cigarettes.

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Adobe PhotoShop - Workshop
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Browsing the Internet
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COURSE CODE: COMP170
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COURSE CODE: COMP171
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Editorial based on 'limited amount of information'

To the Editor,

I suspect Chad Ingram in some ways is like me and the vast majority of Canadians whom had never heard the term prorogue prior to Prime Minister Stephen Harper's use of the parliamentary practice.

I also suspect that if you asked a random sample of 10,000 Canadians from St. John's to Port Alberni their opinion regarding the treatment of Afghan prisoners, the overwhelming response would be: "What Afghan prisoners?"

Being the curious old cuss that I am, I decided to do a search to see what all this fuss was regarding proroguing Parliament, how common it is and which other politicians had used it before Mr. Harper.

Perhaps if Chad had done a similar search, he may not have such a dim view of Mr. Harper's decisions – or perhaps he would view Liberal and NDP leaders with equal distain.

According to Wikipedia, in recent political history, Pierre Trudeau prorogued Parliament every 12 months from 1974 to 1979. Jean Chrétien prorogued Parliament four times during his time as prime minister: Feb. 5, 1996; Sept. 18, 1999; Sept. 16, 2002; and Nov. 12, 2003. Both of these prime ministers were Liberal, for those who may be too young to remember.

In addition to those facts, the following notes were uncovered in my search, which illustrate the various reasons why these leaders made such decisions and/or the consequences of those decisions:

* On each occasion, the Liberals killed their own legislation. Several bills ended up dying over and over again due to Liberals proroguing Parliament or calling early elections.

* September 16, 2002 – After a summer of Liberal in-fighting and Chrétien being forced to announce his planned retirement date in August, Chrétien prorogued Parliament, killing legislation so that he could unveil his legacy agenda.

* According to Eddie Goldenberg, in his book "The Way it Works", page 380, Chrétien decided to have a Throne Speech just to test the will of the Martinite forces who were trying to push him out early: Chrétien was happy. "I like that. It is exactly what we just discussed. Prepare me a statement. But just one more thing," said the old fox. "I want a Throne Speech in the fall. The government will stand or fall on it. If they want to vote against me on it, then it is the one case in which I will run again."

* Nov. 12, 2003 – Chrétien announced that Parliament was prorogued on the eve of the Liberal leadership convention (so Chrétien and Martin didn't have to sit together in the House of Commons and face a dispute over who was prime minister). Martin did not become prime minister until Dec. 12, 2003 and Parliament did not resume until February 2, 2004.

* The current session has lasted as long as many comparable sessions under the Liberals, and longer than several of the sessions under Jean Chrétien and Paul Martin.

So, I learned that proroguing Parliament is not exclusive to Prime Minister Harper or the Conservative Party. In fact, the Parliament of Canada has been prorogued more than 100 times.

I also learned that provincial parliament is also subject to being prorogued. In fact, one of the most vocal critics of Mr. Harper's decision to prorogue parliament, Bob Rae, prorogued provincial parliament three times during his tenure as premier of Ontario, in each case the time of prorogue invoked by Mr. Rae amounted to four months or more. The last time Mr. Rae prorogued provincial parliament, the end of that prorogue signalled the call of an election and thus, Mr. Rae avoided the bother of introducing another budget with the risk of failure like the previous three.

Now that he is a Liberal, it seems Mr. Rae has adopted the slogan "do as I say, not as I do" – much the same as Liberals who have preceded him.

I don't claim to be an expert on parliamentary procedure, but it is my understanding that when a session of Parliament ends all bills in progress die and, if the government is serious about passing such legislation, it must start the process over again – whether Parliament is prorogued or not, the exception being private members bills, which remain on the books at the end of a prorogue period. So, using that example as a complaint against proroguing Parliament is redundant.

Chad and I agree, however, that the Governor General's usefulness is limited. In fact, when asked by any prime minister to prorogue parliament, he or she would have a very good reason to refuse – to my knowledge, it has never happened before.

I would like to think that even those who are biased against one political party or another would at least make an effort to understand the situation and the history of an issue before offering an opinion with a very limited amount of information.

Jerry Grozelle
Norland

Trail needs time to dry out during April and May

from page 7

It was at that time that the county made it mandatory that ATVs have a permit to use the trail. That one-year agreement has continued successfully for many years. In addition, we did work above and beyond the agreement.

By having HATVA patrol the trail, it was a significant cost saving to the taxpayers.

HATVA hands out a brochure that details the points of interest along the trail. HATVA schedules a group of volunteer trail wardens to cover the length of the Rail Trail from April 1 to Nov. 30.

Our trail wardens are clearly visible by wearing a black vest with TRAIL WARDEN in white print on a blue background on the front and back of the vests. Trail wardens are an asset to users of the trail.

By patrolling the trail, they can check on and do sign maintenance, make sure the trail is safe, help walkers and cyclists with directions and give them water on hot days, locate points of interest, clean up litter, check and report on the condition of the Rail Trail and bridges, as well as stop and check that ATVers have a permit and that they obey the 30 km/h speed limit. Should a trail user have a medical problem, the trail wardens can assist emergency crews with the location of the patient.

ATVs are not permitted on the Rail Trail during April and May, to allow the trail to dry out. The county warden who is authorized to lay charges rides with trail wardens.

Often the trails we use are shared with other groups such as snowmobile clubs and we financially support maintenance, such as re-decking bridges. Members of our club donate their labour to projects, such as the two bridges on the trail, where we provided labour.

Not only is the Haliburton Rail Trail rich in history, but it is also a temporary home to turtles. Often in June we see turtles laying eggs in the softer sections of the rail trail. At this time of year, our wardens make users of the trail aware of the fact that they may encounter turtles on the trail, and to give them room and not disturb them.

Enjoy your Rail Trail. Please carry out what you carried in.

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NEW CLERGY HOUSE BRIDGE

The new Clergy House Bridge on Water Street at Bat Lake Creek has now been installed. The Riverwalk Pathway will not be maintained during the winter months and may become slippery in inclement or cold weather. Kindly use precaution when crossing the pedestrian footbridges. No jumping from any bridges within the Township of Minden Hills.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

The new wetlands boardwalk from Invergordon to the Cultural Centre and Community Centre, respectively, is anticipated to be started this spring. As well, construction of the sidewalks on Bobcaygeon Road from Invergordon to the Cultural Centre is expected to be commenced in the summer months. Please obey all signs and flagman and be alert around any construction.

NOTICE

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca (Elections tab) for complete up to date notices from the Township on the upcoming Municipal Election 2010

For a complete list of regular 2010 COTW/General Committee & Council Meeting dates visit www.mindenhills.ca (Council)

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Jan 28	Public Meeting (re Fees & Charges – Cultural Centre (only) Programs and Services) @ 9:00 a.m. followed by Council - Council Chambers
Feb 11	Committee of the Whole @ 9:00 a.m. – Council Chambers
Feb 13-15	Minden Winterfest – Minden Community Centre & Curling Club
Feb 25	Council @ 9:00 a.m. – Council Chambers
Mar 18	Public Meeting re: Tariff of Fees and Charges
Mar 18	Special Council Meeting (Budget Deliberation) followed by a Public Meeting
Mar 25	Consideration of 2010 Budget

Cultural Centre – *Explore, Experience, Enjoy!*

Call for Submission
The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is now accepting applications from instructors for 2010 programming. Instructors are invited to propose interesting and engaging youth workshops specifically for the very popular March Break week and the Centre's Culture Club in the months of July and August. Please contact Laurie Carmount at gallery@mindenhills.ca or 286-3763 for proposal details. Deadline January 28, 2010.

WOLF HOLLOW
January 14 – Aug 28, R.D. Lawrence Place
In this new exhibition, Wolf Hollow, named after the wildlife sanctuary Lawrence established with his wife Sharon in Gooderham, ON, you can discover dramatic true stories of trauma, recovery and freedom.

LOGO(S)
January 21 – March 12, Agnes Jamieson Gallery
Opening wine reception with the artists, January 22 at 4 pm
The intent of this exhibition is to play upon these words: Logos and logo. Artists Lois Raw, Michael Bainbridge and Wayne Rose were invited to respond to the idea proposed in the curatorial thesis by Laurie Carmount.

MCLUHAN'S WAKE DOCUMENTARY
Feb 4. 6:30 - 8:00 pm Common Room
NEW documentary released in 2007. Performance artist Laurie Anderson narrates this documentary filmed to explore the life and career of Marshall McLuhan while exploring just how the famed educator, philosopher, and scholar's innovative 20th Century ideas hold up in the years after the millennial turnover.

Bonus short animated film of Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Descent into the Maelstrom". Exclusive interviews with Corrine McLuhan, Eric McLuhan, Neil Postman, Lewis Lapham, Edmund Carpenter, Gerald O'Grady, Philip Marchand, Frank Zingrone and Patricia Bruckmann. More than an hour of vintage McLuhan audio clips.

NEW CULTURAL CENTRE ADMISSION – PUBLIC MEETING
The Cultural Centre will be introducing a new admission fee. If you would like to learn more or if you have questions or concerns, please join us for a public meeting on January 28th at 9 am, council chambers.

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

Winterfest Minden

February 13 - 15

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- Photo Contest/Display @ Agnes Jamieson Gallery
- Outdoor Skating
- Dead Poet's Society - Dominion Hotel 7:30pm

Sunday February 14th:
- Snowball Tournament—to register call Craig Smith 286-3013 Minden Ball Diamond 8am
- Curling Fun Day - Curling Club 9am-4pm—Cost $10 per player per gameTo register call Lynda Litwin 286-2911 ext 35.
- Chili Competition - Community Centre 3pm-6pm
- Fire Department Hockey Game - Minden Arena 7pm

Monday February 15th:
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Bridging gaps

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Members of the Minden Hills Riverwalk committee Laura Cunliffe, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Reeve Jim McMahon stand on a new footbridge that was installed as part of Minden's Riverwalk project earlier this month. The bridge, which runs alongside Water Street, allows pedestrians to pass over the creek near Clergy House without travelling on the road and is a miniature version of Loggers' Crossing, the pedestrian bridge spanning the Gull River.

Photo by Chad Ingram



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LOGO(S): three takes on one word

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Logos.

What do you think of when you see this word?

Most of us will think of corporate logos, as in designs that, in a world inundated by advertising, are affiliated with a particular company or brand.

However, logos can mean something else.

In Latin, it means "the rational principle that governs and develops the universe."

In another word, god.

Could there be some connection between the ancient Latin meaning and the contemporary use of the word "logos"?

That question is explored in a new exhibit at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

LOGO(S) debuted with a gala opening on Jan. 22 and will run until March 13.

As curator Laurie Carmount explained to guests at last week's opening, she arrived at the idea for the exhibit following an afternoon of conversation with gallery volunteer and local artist Lois Raw.

"We started chatting," Carmount said. "We started about philosophy, theology, fate, faith, art."

At some point in the conversation, the concept of logos came up, with Carmount thinking of it in the contemporary sense of the word, but Raw referring to its ancient meaning.

"I was confused," Carmount said. "And from that confusion and her explanation came this exhibit."

In one room, there are large chalk drawings by Raw, depicting vast and daunting natural landscapes.

Carmount described the works as "asurreal, god-like."

In an adjacent room, photos by photographer Michael Bainbridge look at modern logos and offer distinct social commentary.

"One is philosophical and one is cynical," Carmount said of Raw and Bainbridge's work, respectively.

One of Bainbridge's pieces is a vividly clear close-up of what Mac users will recognize as an "on" button.

"Eve's apple," the piece is titled.

Another, entitled "Always Open," offers extreme close-ups of a Coke and Pepsi can, each glowing in a frame built to resemble a church window.

Just as traditionally many people took comfort in the church, Bainbridge said the piece was his attempt to show how people now worship brands and take solace in glowing billboards in the night sky.



This work by Minden photographer Michael Bainbridge attempts to show our allegiance to brand names (in this case, Coke and Pepsi) as a contemporary form of religion. It is part of the LOGO(S) exhibit now showing at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

"The first [guiding thought in the project] was the challenge of how to explain such a philosophical topic in what is essentially a documentary medium," Bainbridge said, explaining he tried to use a lot of visual puns to accomplish this.

A commercial photographer who makes his home in Minden but often works in other parts of the province on contract, the show is Bainbridge's first.

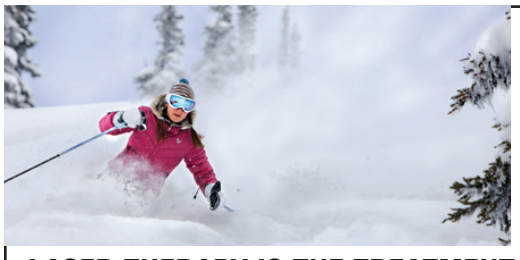
"It's very exciting," he said of his debut. "It's a lot of fun. It was an interesting test."

Bainbridge said it was the first time he'd been asked to use his photography to express a certain idea.

The exhibit also features work by potter Wayne Rose. One work featured human body parts with words engraved on them.

Carmount described Rose as the lynchpin between Raw's landcapes and Bainbridge's commentary.

Rose was in Florida and was unable to attend last week's opening.

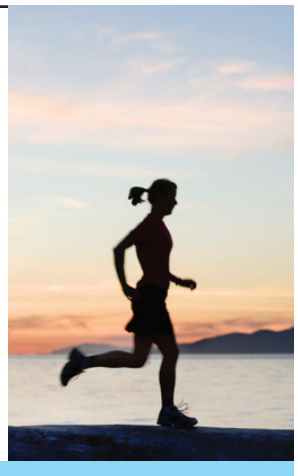




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Fast Lane rolls a strike

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff



Val Lennox and her husband Andy bought Minden's Fast Lane bowling alley in 2008 and have reinvigorated the business. Val says the two bought the business as a "cure for an empty nest."

The owners of Minden's Fast Lane have rolled a strike with the revitalization of the bowling alley.

The alley had gone out of business when Val and Andy Lennox bought it in the fall of 2008.

Their first job was to make some renovations to the space, which first opened in 1994.

"We completely spruced it up, the way you would your home," Val said, explaining the renovations had included pulling up carpets, refurbishing the floors and installing new insulation.

As she spoke, the crack of bowling pins and a din of laughter and chatter came from the alley's six lanes, as members of the Wednesday night corporate league played their weekly three games.

There are scheduled events most evenings at the Fast Lane, a testament to how popular the alley has become.

On Monday nights and Thursday afternoons the alley hosts a mixed league, while employees from various businesses throughout the county gather on Tuesday and Wednesday nights to play in the corporate league.

There is also a Saturday youth league and a league known as the Snowbird Club. This league runs from September until April and is aimed at seniors who travel, students or other groups who may not be able to make it out to bowl every week because of their schedules.

"The business was closed and it was not going to reopen," Val said, explaining that she and Andy basically had to start from scratch, appealing to bowlers to come back.

While she said business was a little slow at first, there is no sign of that now.

As Val spoke last week, she was also busy making grilled cheese sandwiches and serving beer to patrons.

The atmosphere was one of a party.

"People have a great time here," Val said, adding that this, if anything, is the secret to the alley's success. "It's all about people having fun."

After raising their family in Haliburton, Val and Andy decided to buy the bowling alley after their children left the area to pursue post-secondary education.

"It was sort of a cure for an empty nest," Val said.

Both she and her husband had previously been lecturers at the University of Toronto, Val as a chartered accountant.

"We both needed something social," she said.

And the bowling alley is nothing if not social.

There's the steady stream of league members during weekdays and on weekends Val said the alley is often filled with families and birthday parties.

"It's non-stop in the summer," she said, explaining that during those months camp functions also make their way into the mix.

While there are physical benefits derived from bowling, Val said she loves the game because it's one that almost anyone can take part in.

"The body is important, but it's not just about the body," she said. "It's social. It's active."

Things at the Fast Lane should be rolling along for some time to come as Val said she and Andy have no plans to put up the pins any time soon.

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Rising water levels prompt health unit well warning

The health unit is urging caution for local residents who may be affected by flooding.

Heavy rain and melting snow are causing river and lake levels to rise in parts of Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County. As a result, the local health unit warns that drinking water quality may be affected for residents in low-lying areas who rely on private wells or who draw surface water.

According to the health unit:

· People who rely on private wells should be aware that their drinking water supply could become contaminated if the well head is or has been submerged under water.

· Residents who draw surface water from lakes or streams without using a disinfectant unit are at particular risk. However, even those with a disinfectant unit should note that these systems could become overwhelmed by the higher water flows, also resulting in contamination.

In all cases, the health unit urges people to use bottled water or boil their water to a rolling boil before drinking. Water should be brought to a rolling boil for one minute, then cooled before drinking.

"Given the present conditions, we think it's best to err on the side of caution, and that is why we are issuing this advisory," says Anne Alexander, director of environmental health with the HKPR District Health Unit.

This boil water precaution should continue until residents can get their water tested through the health unit and receive back a satisfactory result. Samples should not be taken, however, until water levels recede. Water testing bottles and kits can be picked up at any local health unit office. Drop-off times and locations are available at www.hkpr.on.ca under the What's New section. You can also call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 for more information. The water testing service is free to local residents. The health unit will forward the samples to the provincial lab in Peterborough, which then tests the water and reports results to the resident.

For those who rely on private septic systems, the health unit is also reminding local residents to note that excess water could cause their septic systems to malfunction. People should limit the use of their septic systems to prevent overloading and check after water levels subside for any malfunction.



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Author Jim Poling brings Native affairs knowledge to book

by **ANGELICA BLENICH**
Times Staff

Jim Poling Sr. is looking out the window at his cottage on St. Nora's Lake, gazing upon a certain Hemlock that has been on his mind for a number of years. After years of back and forth debate, Poling, and his wife Diane, have finally decided it's time for the tree to come down.

A cottager on the lake for over 24 years now, Poling does not approach decisions like this lightly. And why would he? With one look at the cozy abode he and his wife have turned into this home away from home, one could not blame Poling for wanting the St. Nora's Lake residence to remain exactly as it is. It almost looks like the perfect place to enjoy some peace and quiet, while focusing on writing. Almost.

"Well, amazingly I don't do most of my writing up here," says Poling, referring to the countless non-fiction books he has authored since retiring. "People always say, 'oh, what a wonderful place you have up there to write.' But the truth is I find there is too much going on in my head up here."

The retired journalist and former manager of the *Canadian Press* officially retired from full-time work 17 years ago, and has since been enjoying what most would call a slower time of his life. Obviously those who say that haven't been introduced to Poling.

Intrigued by Canadian history and Aboriginal affairs, Poling has spent many of his retired years freelancing for magazines and authoring books that are filling up the shelves of libraries across the country. His most recent, titled *Tecumseh*, details the life of a Shawnee war chief dedicated to stopping American expansion and preserving the lands and cultures of North American Aboriginal peoples.

Poling admits that when the time came to drum up an idea for a book, the subject of Tecumseh wasn't his first choice.

"Every now and then I come up with an idea for a book," says Poling, "but most of the time they [publishers] don't like it. I first approached my publisher about the idea of writing a book about Indian tobacco and they liked it and accepted it. Then, as I went forward and started to do some research I realized how controversial this issue is and how deeply political it is and it seemed better that I stay away from it."

Poling focused his attention on *Tecumseh* instead, putting his earlier interest on the back burner for the time being.

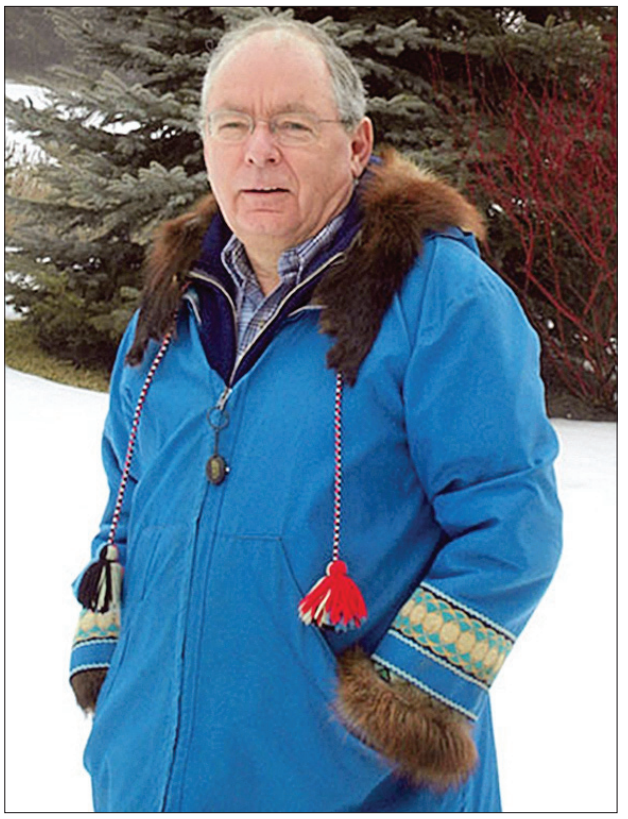
The biography of the First Nations leader is an in-depth look at the trials and tribulations the Aboriginal people faced during American expansion in the 19th century. When it appeared he wouldn't be able to stop the American advancement, Tecumseh turned to the British in Canada for help as the War of 1812 began. His story of struggle to preserve a vanishing culture is one that remains relevant today.

Having spent seven years as the Indian-northern affairs writer for the *Canadian Press*, Poling has done his fair share of research regarding Aboriginal issues.

"I travelled through the Yukon and Northwest Territories and visited a lot of reserve areas," explains Poling. "So that's where I have a fairly good grounding from. That's also where the interest in this book came from."

The book, which is supposed to be a part of a series about important Canadians, surprisingly isn't about a Canadian at all.

"A lot of people see him as a Canadian folk hero," says Poling, "however as I said in the book, Tecumseh was American. But that doesn't mean he wasn't important for Canada. He certainly had a huge impact on Canadian history."



Jim Poling Sr. enjoys some brisk winter air in between writing assignments. A former journalist and managing editor of the *Canadian Press*, Poling now fills most of his days freelancing and writing non-fiction novels./ Photo submitted

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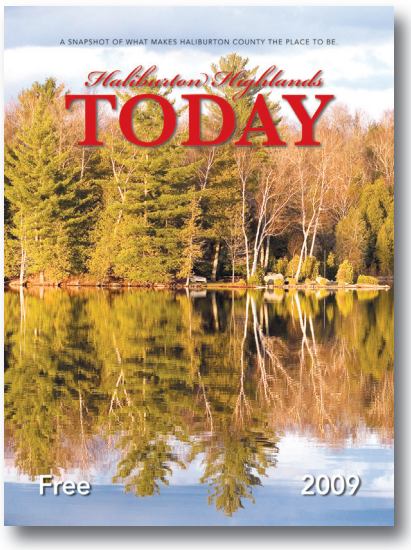


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Haliburton COUNTY news

Local MP defends Tories' prorogue

by TERRANCE GAVAN
Times Staff

You've got to give local MP Barry Devolin props for moxie – and loyalty.

Without even waiting for a question from the floor, Devolin waded into the deep dark waters of a political fracas when he launched into a dissertation on the legitimacy of the prorogue in the Canadian parliamentary system.

Devolin was speaking to a group of local business people at Sir Sam's Ski Area Jan. 13 where he was the invited guest speaker for a chamber of commerce breakfast meeting.

After spending 10 minutes describing his government's past and future economic plans, Devolin then spent about four minutes explaining how last month's prorogation was just part and parcel of a long and illustrious tradition firmly entrenched in the Canadian parliamentary system.

"Canada is 147 years old and Parliament has been prorogued about 110 to 115 times," said Devolin, who has a degree in political science from Carleton University.

"So this is something that has almost occurred as an annual event."

He also implied that Prime Minister Stephen Harper had no particular agenda in mind when he prorogued Parliament and question period in December.

"The prime minister did two things," said Devolin. "Number one he prorogued Parliament and then he delayed the return of Parliament by five weeks."

Devolin said that there was nothing nefarious or underhanded about the prorogue, as suggested by some members of the Canadian press corps in articles and opinion pieces.

Many opposition MPs and pundits have since submitted that the hasty suspension of Parliament was a ruse to get out from under some intense scrutiny regarding Canada's part in the transfer and subsequent torture of Afghan detainees.

Harper's spokesman, Dimitri Soudas, said on Dec. 30 that the government sought the suspension to consult with Canadians, stakeholders and businesses as it moves into the next phase of its economic action plan amid signs of economic recovery.

"This is quite routine, but it is also important to give Canadians an overview of where we will be taking the country over the next little while," Soudas told CBC News from Ottawa.

The prorogue, which was the second such call in the space of a year, was viewed negatively by many opposition critics.

Liberal House Leader Ralph Goodale called the government's move "beyond arrogant" and its justifications for it "a joke."

Devolin made no mention of the detainee scandal nor did he address the opposition critics in his breakfast remarks, but he did manage to take a swipe at the Canadian press corps, who he said were raising the stakes unnecessarily.

"I'll take some umbrage with the national media," said Devolin. "We changed [the opening of parliament] from Jan. 27 to March 3, and I know it sounds like two months from January to March, but it's actually a little over a month or five weeks, and it's not two months."

Devolin added that Canadians should use this current controversy over prorogue as a way of learning more about their Canadian parliamentary system.

"It's kind of interesting that it's like a civics lesson for the whole country, because we're learning about how Parliament works which I think is a good thing in the long run," he said.

It should be noted that Devolin's remarks were made shortly in front of the latest national poll. Indeed the day after Devolin's address to the chamber of commerce, a national poll suggested that the Conservatives had lost a huge amount of political traction among committed voters.

The CBC reported last week that the latest EKOS poll shows that lead enjoyed by the Conservatives over the Liberals has dramatically narrowed since Harper suspended Parliament.

"The Conservatives now lead by a marginal 1.6 percentage points over the Liberals, compared with the 15-point advantage they had in a mid-October survey," according to the EKOS poll released exclusively to CBC News.



The Hal High Grade 11 drama night began with an ensemble piece entitled *MADD World – Under the Influence*. In it the entire cast goes for broke at an underage party. This night of revelry ended happily as the keys were kept in a hat by the party organizer. /Photo by Terrance Gavan.

Greater demands lead to longer waits for Access Centre

by JENN WATT
Editor

The Community Care Access Centre does a lot more today than it did 20 years ago – offering speech therapy, social workers and specialized programs in addition to the more traditional nursing associated with it, but that has come at a cost.

Across the Central East health region, about 1,300 patients are on wait lists for the services the CCAC provides, and that number isn't likely to go down as the years go by.

"What has happened is we have a huge demand for services and the demand is for clients who are sicker, bottom line, they're in a more acute condition," says Gail Scala, director of communications for the Central East CCAC.

The provincial government has introduced several programs and guidelines in the past five years that have put more pressure on the access centre branches in this Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN).

For example, the aging at home strategy asks that health care providers do more to help seniors stay at home longer. The government is also trying to reduce wait times in emergency rooms, asking hospitals to free up beds.

This leads to more patients needing care in their homes, therefore more people on the wait list at CCAC, Scala says.

"They turn to the CCACs because the CCACs can have the infrastructure and the services available to assist in helping to reduce those wait times and the stresses on the ALC [alternate level of care] beds so patients are being discharged from the hospital sooner and in some cases in more acute conditions so … require more services from the CCAC," she says.

In 2007, the 42 CCACs across the province were amalgamated to 14 to sync with the new LHIN boundaries.

In Haliburton, there are rumours that this amalgamation was the cause of the long wait lists for access centre care. Some say that the reason for the wait is a debt from city access centres inherited by the Haliburton branch causing reductions in staffing here.

Scala says that is untrue.

"I have no idea where they are getting this impression that there is a debt, an outstanding debt, and that is why we have wait list times. That … is not the case," she says.

There was actually a marginal increase in staff numbers for this area, she says.

Besides simply accommodating government programs around aging at home and clearing out acute care beds in hospitals, the Central East LHIN is already at a disadvantage because it doesn't have enough long-term care beds for its population.

"Central East region … our population is one that is described as an aging population, so we have perhaps a higher demographic of seniors. Compared to another CCAC like Haldimand, Brant, Niagara they have 1,000 more beds in long-term care homes than we have in our region," she says, "that has a huge impact on how long a person has to wait for placement into a long-term care home."

And while the person waits for the long-term care home, she is receiving services from CCAC, which then makes the wait list longer.

Minden curler fully focused on world competition

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tive stone.

All Manitoba skip Alex Forrest had to do was remove shot rock, and Walker would be drawing for a tie, giving Forrest's Manitoba foursome the hammer in an extra end, a rather bleak scenario at any time, but especially dicey when curling against a Manitoba rink that had staked a firm reputation as a stellar hitting team throughout the round robin portion of the national event.

Forrest's rock came down and just flashed by Ontario's shot stone by the merest of paper thin margins. An "ahh" exhaled from the packed house in the Colisee in Sorel-Tracy.

It was at that point, says Walker, talking by phone with the Echo from Kitchener on Monday evening, when it all suddenly rattled through his noggin with certain and eerily alarming clarity.

A straightforward draw to the eight foot would give his Ontario foursome of third Craig Van Ymeren, second, Geoff Chambers and lead, Matt Mapletoft two points, an 8-7 victory, the Canadian junior title, and a subsequent trip to Flims, Switzerland for the world junior championships March 6-14.

A lot at stake for the young Walker and his Westmount Golf and Country Club foursome.

But he says it was an eventuality that he had prepared for his whole life.

Jake Walker was ready for the shot, but not for the wave of emotion that flowed quickly to the pit of his stomach on the heels of that unexpected Manitoba miss.

"When he missed the pick and flashed his hit, I just got a big jump in my stomach," says Walker. "Like wow, it hit me right there that I needed one shot anywhere in the eight foot and we win nationals."

And that jump in his stomach, he says, was just plain dangerous, and he knew it as soon as it hit him.

"And so I knew that I needed to get that feeling out of my system before I threw that rock," says Walker. "Because having that knot gets the adrenaline going, so I needed to get that feeling out. I just basically focused, and treated that shot like any other shot and draw to the house."

His team knew it too. Encouraging words emanated from his front end holding those brooms.

He heard the heartening banter, stepped to the hack with the confidence instilled by all those years of work and practice. And he delivered.



Minden's own Jake Walker, pictured above with championship trophy, skipped his Ontario team to the Canadian junior curling title last Sunday with an 8-7 win versus Manitoba in the final. Photo courtesy of Michael Burns Photo.

"It was a pretty easy shot," Walker says, chuckling.

And he says it was all just part and parcel of a pretty surreal experience for this team who played extremely well throughout the week.

"It was very thrilling to win," says Walker. "We had a great week of curling and won when we really needed to." Walker and his teammates finished the round robin in second place with a 9-3 record behind Forrest and Team Manitoba who finished at 10-2.

Walker, Van Ymeren, and Chambers were named first team all-stars at the championships, which were announced after the round robin. The all-stars were determined by best overall shooting percentage during the 12 game round robin.

Walker's team had a struggle playing two de-facto sudden death games on Friday and Saturday. On Friday they had to beat defending champion Brett Gallant and his P.E.I. contingent Walker and his teammates in a do or die qualifying game in the final round robin contest.

"We played the defending champs in the final draw and it was sudden death because you win you move on and you lose and you're done," says Walker. "But we played really well against him."

They beat P.E.I. 8-3 and followed that up with an 8-5 win in the Saturday semis against Braeden Moskow's Saskatchewan foursome.

Walker says that while the nationals' victory was gratifying, it was not altogether unexpected considering that team Ontario was among the most experienced of the 13 rinks involved.

All four Ontario members are in their final year of eligibility. Van Ymeren and Chambers had both already been to the national finals two years earlier.

Walker says they went in with a plan and followed through.

"Our goal going into the nationals was to make the playoffs," says Walker. "And when we did that we had to sit down and reassess those goals."

He says they'll be approaching the upcoming world event in Flims, Switzerland with the same mindset.

The national win also forced Walker to make a very large decision. "I've dropped out of school right now because I can't commit to both right now," says Walker who was carrying a full course load in engineering at University of Waterloo.

He's happy with his decision.

"I can pick up school later on and this is once-in-a-lifetime commitment with Team Canada, and so I've dropped out for now and will pick it up in the fall."

And now the preparations for Flims and the worlds will take on a new and vital importance for the newly crowned Team Canada.

"We have a lot of work to do, a lot of planning a lot of organization," says Walker, who has already embarked on preliminary planning with Curling Canada who will be paying the freight for their trip to Switzerland. "We have to organize sponsorship and there's family stuff organizing hotels [for family members of all four curlers] and we'll be doing all that in addition to practicing and preparing," says Walker, who isn't sure yet, but is hoping that his mom and dad, Corey and Nancy, will be able to make arrangements for a trip to the world finals.

Younger brother Jesse is the current skip of the undefeated Red Hawks curling team and the starting guard on a talented Hawks basketball squad.

Nancy made the trip to Sorel-Tracy while dad and Jesse spent Sunday night glued to TSN here in Minden.

Jake says it's especially nice to feel that family love and support. "My mom was certainly excited, she really was," says Walker.

"Good to have my mom there."

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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

To feed or not to feed the deer

They walk, like refugees coming in from the cold, upon well-tramped trails that lead straight to your feeder. You smile, sit by the window and generally feel good about it. You're giving something back, you reason; you're helping them get through another winter. But are you really doing those deer a favour?

That's the question I posed to Minden area Ministry of Natural Resources biologist Gerry Moraal. A good one, I thought, not only because wild game feeding is popular, but also because it has always been controversial among those of us who give these things any thought at all.

Why you shouldn't

Let's first stress that the MNR generally discourages the feeding of any wildlife species, primarily because it alters their travel patterns and usual behaviour.

In worst cases, it encourages animals to regularly cross busy highways or unsafe ice, risking unnecessary injury or death. Early feeding can also tempt deer to forsake or delay departure to traditional yards, stranding them in less suitable winter habitat when heavy snows accumulate. Then, they're totally dependent on your feeding. Quit and you've put them in real jeopardy.

Moraal also notes that winter feeding increases their metabolism and can actually make them less fit, if they're not getting enough.

Other problems, he says, arise from the high concentrations of deer that hang around feeders. Crowding can lead to aggressive behaviour and injury, as well as increased stress, which creates higher energy demands. Both can be death sentences in winter.



There are many things to consider before feeding deer in the winter. /File photo

And though it's nice to see deer, feeding habituates them to people, so don't be surprised if they dine on your garden or shrubs after winter or become pushovers for local hunters.

Though seemingly cruel, it's also natural (and beneficial to the herd) for winter to take the weak and genetically inferior deer. The survival of these lesser animals, due to feeding, could ultimately impact the herd's overall genetic integrity and health. Worse, an artificially large herd might outstrip the habitat's carrying capacity, causing real damage to the ecosystem and a deer population crash.

If you must

As feed sales attest, not everyone agrees or abides by this rationale. After all, many have enjoyed feeding deer successfully for years.

There are also times when feeding is clearly beneficial – for instance, if local herds are starving or the MNR calls for emergency deer feeding. (A decision made around the end of January.)

Whatever your reason, if you choose to feed, do it correctly. Otherwise, you'll cause more harm than good.

First, commit to it for the whole winter or not at all. Stop and you could harm the animals you were hoping to help.

The right food is critical. A corn/oats mixture (from 1:1 up to 1:4) is preferable. Avoid pure corn, barley or wheat; these have been known to kill deer.

Moraal says that second-cut alfalfa or hay can also pose problems – they're high in a type of fibre that deer cannot digest. "If they have been feeding on this type of food all winter, problems are much lessened but if deer in a starving condition get fed this, they'll die," he explains. Which raises another salient point: introduce new food to starving deer gradually.

Other ways to help

Last, Moraal points out, there are alternate ways to aid deer. Breaking trails in deer yards or downing selected browse trees are two examples.

Another long-term solution is improving deer habitat on your property.

So, to feed or not? Currently, there's no law against it. But there are two sides of a debate to consider.

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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

More changes at MNR

Despite the appointment of new Minister of Natural Resources and a slew of changes within that ministry's organizational structure, things will be business as usual.

"The effect of the changes [which happened in mid-January] shouldn't be apparent to the public," says Ministry of Natural Resources senior media relations officer Jolanta Kowalski.

No job cuts or relocations accompanied the changes, she says. Instead, the "internal organizational realignment" has created new divisions and realigned branches.

The splitting of the fish and wildlife branch is one notable change. One part, now known as fish and wildlife services will join enforcement, Ontario parks, and aviation, forest fire and emergency Services in the Provincial Services Division. The other would be under the biodiversity branch in the newly created policy division.

"These changes," says Kowalski, "will give us a stronger ability to develop and deliver policy, modernize our processes and better coordinate the services and operations we provide the public."

"Some staff may report to a different manager or see the name of their branch or division change but their duties won't change. All offices will remain open and will continue to provide the same range of services," she says.

The special purpose account, which directs licence funds from hunters and anglers to help manage fish and wildlife, will operate as it always has.

Additionally, Kowalski says, existing programs and community partnerships, such as the one that exists with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, will remain unaffected.

The changes were implemented less than a week before MP Linda Jeffrey (Brampton-Springdale) was appointed as the new Natural Resources minister, replacing former minister Donna Cansfield.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is reserving judgment for now, however executive director Mike Reader says, "It is regrettable that the one branch anglers and hunters most identified with [the fish and wildlife branch] has been splintered. Obviously, we are concerned about the marginalization of fish and wildlife, and by extension, fishing and hunting, through the division of the fish and wildlife program. That said, consolidating policy into one division should increase communication across the board, and that could be a positive change."

Food for thought

Got a great recipe that you'd like to see published? If so, be sure to give the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association a call. The association is in process of collecting great recipes for a fundraiser cookbook.

Office administrator Marilyn Wooder hopes to hear about your favourite recipes involving involve fish, fowl, venison, bear or any of the other things we all love to eat.

If you'd like to participate call her at 457-9664 or email hhoa@xittel.ca.

Upcoming outdoors events

Here's a brief listing of outdoor events for the next month. If you'd like to post any Haliburton County-based outdoor-related events, please email Steve at TheOutdoorLife@aol.com.

Feb. 6
Pat and Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Derby
For more information call Mary Dunne 448-3512 or 448-2221

Feb. 13 to 15
Ontario Family Fishing Weekend. No angling licences required for the weekend. Conservation limits apply. A great opportunity for non-anglers to try ice fishing.

Feb. 13
The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Murray Scott Memorial Ice Fishing Derby
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Jordyn Elizabeth Hurd

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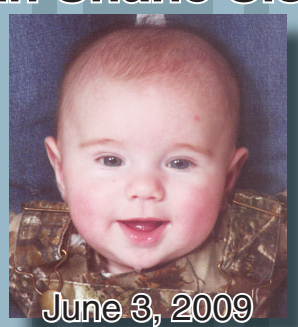
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Austin Alfred James Bacon

February 22, 2009
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Carter Allan Newell

May 8, 2009
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Minden holds winter mixed bonspiel

On Jan. 22 and 23, the Minden Curling Club hosted it's annual Winter Mixed Bonspiel. This event is the longest running bonspiel in club history having started in 1961 in conjunction with the Minden Winter Carnival. Some still refer to it as the Carnival Mixed Spiel even though the name was changed in 1996 after the demise of the carnival. Next year will be the 50th anniversary. It attracts teams from Port Perry, Whitby, Uxbridge, Haliburton and Minden Curling Club. Most of the 16 teams are repeat entries. The two-day spiel began on Friday night with two draws and concluded on Saturday with four draws and the finals. The event was capped off with a banquet and awards presentations. Thanks to club volunteers Jack and Winn Taylor, Jim and Marian Gillanders, Ross Bryant, Pat Woodcroft, Iain Kay and Joyce Nilsson, Steve and Audrey Robson.

The "A" division and the Jug City Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of Alf Trotter (skip), Dana Kinsman (vice) Paul Prentice (second) and Patti Prentice (lead). The "B" division and Haliburton Highlands Copy Centre Trophy was won by the Port Perry Curling Club team of Joe Pollett, (skip), Bernice Pollett (vice), Gerry Clarke (second) and Judy Clark (lead). The "C" division and Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of Scotty Boyd (skip), Jane Boyd (vice) Bert Kennedy (second) and Jayne Kennedy (lead). The "D" division and Coneybeare's Butcher's Shop Trophy went to another Port Perry Curling Club team skipped by Pat Mark, with Len Goreski (vice) Cheryl Szolopiak (second) and Willie Prescott (lead). Many thanks to our sponsors, Jug City, Haliburton Highlands Copy Centre, Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty, and Coneybeare's Butcher Shop.



A" division winners of the Jug City Trophy from left to right are Patti Prentice (lead),Paul Prentice (second), Dana Kinsman (vice), Alf Trotter (skip).



"B" division winners of the Haliburton Highlands Copy Centre Trophy from left to right are Joe Pollett (skip), Berinice Pollett (vice), Gerry Clarke (second), Judy Clarke (lead).



C" division winners of the Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty Trophy from left to right are Scotty Boyd (skip), Jane Boyd (vice), Jayne Kennedy (lead) and Bert Kennedy (second).



"D" division winners of the Coneybeare's Butcher Shop Trophyfrom left to right are Pat Mark (skip), Len Goreski (vice), Willie Prescott (lead), Cheryl Szolopiak (second).

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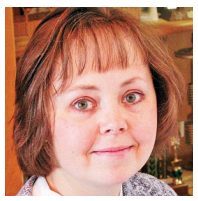
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I've been asked to let the people of Dorset know about an upcoming event. The Highlands Male Chorus of Haliburton is holding its annual concert "A Winter Interlude" on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the high school in Haliburton. It will be a choral performance of a variety of music including folk songs, Doo-wop, barbershop style arrangements, music from Broadway and movies and much more. The tickets are $18 for general admission and are available from Chorus members, Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave Drug Store in Minden.

Does anyone know of any descendents of Dr. J. P. Kelly or the VanDam family?

Esther Fortney has come across an old postcard dated June 8, 1905 that may be of interest to either of these two families. For more information, give Esther a call at 766-2830.

The Algonquin Cooperative Development Corp. and Dorset Community Policing are sponsoring a G8 Forum for Dorset on Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Snow date is Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The ACDC AGM will be 10 minutes followed by the featured G8 presentation with members of the community relations group of the integrated security team responsible for the 2010 Muskoka G8. Questions are welcomed.

The Dorset Book Club is meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Dorset Library. The group will be talking about "Your favourite comedy or amusing book" and all are welcome. For more information call the library at 766-9969.

Pledge sheets and information for The Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club Dorset Poker Rally taking place on Saturday, February 13 are available at www.tallpines.org or by calling Charmaine at 766-9263 or Helen at 766-2662. Proceeds are to aid kidney dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset.

There will be a Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre and all are welcome to attend for an update on plans and to have a look at the draft brochure. For more information, call 766-9968.

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One item on my Christmas list has turned out to be much better than expected. I asked Santa for a simple digital clock with battery backup but my Sony gift model had much more to offer. On returning from Christmas in Ajax to familiar surroundings imagine the surprise of suddenly waking up and seeing foot high numbers projected on the ceiling overhead. This took some getting used to. At first it was like sleeping under the clock in Toronto's Union Station but now only one eye has to open halfway to find out the time. The accompanying brochure points out what appears to be self-evident noting that the room must be dark for the numbers to be visible. Now that's technology I can understand.

It is so hard to see the media images from earthquake-ravaged Haiti. On a national level Canadians have responded generously to the incredible needs but there is often still that sense of wanting to do more as an individual.

Kinmount resident Lorraine Turcotte has done just that. Working through the Canadian Red Cross Society Lorraine has placed collection containers around our area. In Kinmount these are at Freshmart, Shop 'N Save, Gateway Variety and Taylor's Garage while in Minden the Village Chalet Family Restaurant, Campbell's Garden Centre and other businesses are participating.

The Legion John McGrath branch 441, Kinmount gives notice that normal activities are back on schedule including Tuesday lunches from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch options include either a hot meal or soup/sandwich combo both of which can be eaten there or taken out. A new feature is a second main meal choice of liver and onions on the last Tuesday of each month. On Sunday, Feb. 7 there will be two special events. The Marg Viney Memorial Ladies Dart Tournament, a competition open to both members and non-members, will start at 10 a.m. with registration ahead at 9:30 a.m. Later that day there will be a potluck Super Bowl Party in the clubroom with the big screen TV(488-3462).

Local multimedia artist Brenda Mulholland continues her adult art workshop series Drawing and Watercolour Simplified for those at the beginner to the intermediate level. The sessions are held in the Kinmount Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on two Fridays of each month. For details please call her at 705-488-1574.

A reminder that the Highlands Male Chorus of Haliburton will present its seventh annual concert "A Winter Interlude" this Sunday, Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Choral selections include something for everyone from barbershop to Broadway. General admission tickets are $18 and available from chorus members, Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton and Pharmasave Drugstore in Minden.

Remember Valentine's Day is fast approaching. For a special gift of local art or handcrafts the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace located in the lower level of the Community Centre will reopen this Saturday, Jan. 30 and then continue on its regular winter schedule of Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please note that member Barb Leffering is planning to offer a Saturday quilting workshop in late February with specific details to follow.

The next regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group on Wednesday, Feb. 10 will feature Valentines, love letters and love stories. The doors of the common room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre open at 6 p.m. (please enter by the back door) with presentations from 7 to 9 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Gail at 286-2225.

Until next week…

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Alnoor Gowani has done his family and his community proud, winning the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year award for rescuing a drowning man.
His father Amin, left, mother Nemy and sister Reema joined him at the *Times* office for an interview Monday.
Photo by Chad Ingram.

Alnoor surprised at award win

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of disability, or, as in Alnoor's case, performing an act of heroism. Alnoor was swimming with a friend in the Gull River last August when he saw a man flailing in the water and attempting to yell for help. Alnoor swam to the man, grabbed him and told him to kick his feet as he dragged him to shore.

"Ontario's community newspapers are very pleased to showcase the contributions of these young people who are so deserving of recognition," OCNA president Abbas Homayed said in a press release last week. "We would also like to express our appreciation to all the nominators who took the time to share stories with us."

Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal Joan Harpell and other school staffers nominated Alnoor for the award. Alnoor, who said earlier this month that he was surprised to learn he'd been nominated for the award, said this week he was equally surprised to learn that he'd won. "I was surprised because I forgot about the whole thing," he said.

Alnoor's father, Amin, mother, Nemy, and sister, Reema, were beaming with pride earlier this week.

"We're so proud of him," Reema said.

Alnoor and his family will travel to Toronto on March 29 for a ceremony paying tribute to the 12 award winners. The ceremony, hosted by Ontario's lieutenant governor, will be held at Queen's Park.

Don't miss Highlands Male Chorus Sunday



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It's that time again; time to admit I'm not perfect and I make mistakes. In my youth I might have been devastated by admitting to this but I have matured since then.

I don't know how it happened but I certainly got the date wrong on the upcoming performance of the Highlands Male Chorus. The actual date for this performance is Jan. 31 at 3 p.m. The Highlands Male Chorus of Haliburton will be holding their seventh annual concert "A Winter Interlude" at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion located at the Haliburton High School. They will perform a wide range of music to please just about anyone. Tickets are $18 each and are available from members, Cranberry Cottage (Haliburton) and Pharmasave Drugstore (Minden). Don't miss it!

If you have a little time on your hands, the Stanhope recreation committee wants YOU! They are looking for new members to help develop and promote recreation in Stanhope. They only meet six times a year or possibly more if required, not much as commitments go. You may contact Alqonquin Highlands by calling 705-766-9968 or by email at drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the UR Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

• January 26: Family Games Night at the Minden OEYC from 5:00 to 7:00 pm - Join us for a light supper and a night of fun and games. For families with children ages 3-6 years, siblings welcome. Please sign up by January 21 at the Minden Centre or 705-286-1770.

• January 27: Haliburton OEYC is celebrating Family Literacy Day with Family Games Day from 10:00 – 11:30 am - Join us for a light snack and a morning of fun and games. For families with children ages 3-6 years, siblings welcome. Please sign up by January 21 at the Haliburton Centre or 705-457-2989.

• January 27: Minden Library Visit – We will be walking to the new Minden Library for story time at 11:00 am. Each child will receive a book from the OEYC. Please sign up at the Minden OEYC or phone 286-1770.

• February 9: Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose – Join us from 10:30 to 11:30 am. For parents and children, (birth to 2 ½ years) learning rhymes, songs and stories together. Join us for 10 weekly sessions (one hour/week) and enjoy a friendly and relaxed morning if fun and learning at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. To register please phone 705-286-4625.

• February 10: Free Separating Spouses Seminar in Lindsay from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Are you dealing with separation or divorce? Learn how to reduce conflict during separation and work together for the sake of children. Learn about the legal and court process and the benefits of using mediation to reach agreements. Pre-registration is required. Free information is always available at the Family Law Information Centre located at the family courts in Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg. Call Four Counties Family Mediation at 705-760-9603 or 1-888-605-1393.

• February 10: The meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will feature Valentines, Love Letters & Love Stories - Bring us your ancestor's literary heart. Maximum 5-minute mini-presentations. Doors of the Common Room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre open at 6 pm. (Please enter by the back door.) Presentations 7-9 pm. Everyone welcome – no charge. Refreshments available. For more information contact Gail at 286-2225.

• February 13: Dorset Poker Rally – All proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase a poker hand. Pre-registration is Friday 7:00 -9:00 pm. Registration is Saturday 9:00 - Pledge sheets available on line (www.tallpines.org) and (www.lionscampdorset.on.ca). Maximum 300 riders with OFSC Trail Permit, $50 worth of pledges gives you a free ride. First prize is $2000 cash. Sponsored by Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. For more information please contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662.

• February 16: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Join us for fresh hot pancakes, yummy syrup, sausages, home made dessert and beverage at the Fenelon Falls United Church, Colborne Street, Fenelon Falls from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Adults $7, Children 12 and under Free.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca. or brought in to the office.
Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
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Announcements

Deaths

SIMPSON, Jeunne Anne (nee Lacey) - Passed away suddenly at the Toronto General Hospital on Saturday, January 23, 2010 in her 62nd year. Beloved wife of Jim Simpson of Kinmount. Dear mother and best friend of Carole and Jamie Jones of Kinmount, David and Bernice Lacey of Stayner and loving grandmother of Stephanie, Theresa and great granny of Nathan. Dear sister of Jeanne and Mike Cruickshank, Joanne and Jim Oatman, William (Bill) and Diana Lacey, Clifford (Cliff) and Cheryl Lacey. Jeunne is predeceased by her parents Jean and Clifford Lacey and by Jim's parents Clarke and Glenda Simpson. Fondly remembered by her sister-in-law Lynda (John) Shearer and also by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm and on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the service to Celebrate Jeunne's Life at 2:00 pm. Reception will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #441 Kinmount (upstairs). Spring Interment at the Kinmount Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfunralhome.com

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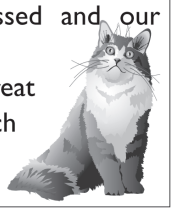
Callaghan, James Desmond
Retired RCAF Flying Officer
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Suddenly, with his family by his side on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at the age of 80 years. Beloved husband of Beverley. Loving father of Geoff of Invermere, B.C., Ron (Brenda) of Minden, ON, Gary (Suzanne) of Kelowna, B.C., Sandra (Mike Goldthorp) of Kanata, ON. Much loved Grandpa of Colin, Michael, Stevie, Connor, Gillian and Sarah (Callaghan), Curtis and Cameron (Goldthorp). Survived by his brothers Howard (Doris) of Vancouver, B.C. and Stewart (Joan) of Courtenay, B.C. A private family service will be held. The family does wish to invite friends to a Celebration of Des' life at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel, Kanata on Monday, January 25, 2010 from 3 – 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association or the University of Ottawa Heart Institute are appreciated. Condolences, tributes or donations may be made at www.tubmanfuneralhomes.com

Card of thanks

The family of **Aileen Selbie** would like to convey their sincere appreciation and thanks to the many who expressed condolences at her passing including those who so lovingly cared for her in the last two years including her friends at the Echo Hills Apartments, Haliburton Home Care and the Access Centre, Supportive Housing staff and the staff of Highland Wood Long Term Care in Haliburton, and the Haliburton Hospital, Dr. Robert Heyes and Father John Burcat at Saint Anthony's. Your care, cards, charitable donations and friendship have made her life so much more blessed and our loss of a Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother so much more comforted.



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Card of thanks

Thank you very much for all your support, kindness, cards, phone calls and e-mails in the sudden death of our daughter and sister **Donna Marie.**
Greatly appreciated,
John & Linda and Leigh Wood

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In memoriam

Miscio, Annie - In loving memory of a dear mother who passed away the 27th of January 1993.
God gave us a mother
And he tried to be fair
And when he gave us ours
We got more than our share
Although he took her back again
17 years ago today
We are so grateful for the years he let her stay
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Nelly & Grandchildren

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The Bayou Cottage - $449,000

This elegant Stothart Creek custom home sits on .86 acre close to Haliburton Village. Spacious living; geothermal; energy efficient. Plus GST.
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Kushog Lake $739,000

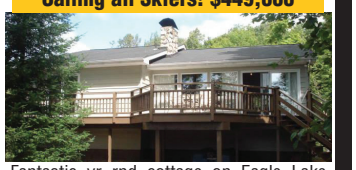
Well appointed home with large eat in kitchen dining room with french doors plus den. Also includes attached heated double garage.
Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

Family Starter Cottage $239,000

A great way to start cottage life. 4 BR cottage on flat lot offers sandy beach at front deck. Nicely treed lot, clean, quiet smaller lake. Year round road allows for skiing and snowmobiling possibilities.
Lee Gauthier 489-9968

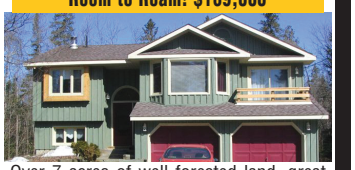
Eagle lake Area $219,900

3 BR, 2 bath chalet on over 3 acres of forested property with private pond. Open concept with large kitchen, private master floor with ensuite.
Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33

Calling all Skiers! $449,000

Fantastic yr rnd cottage on Eagle Lake & a short drive to the ski hill! 2 stone fireplaces, pine kitchen, 4 BRs, 2 1/2 baths & oversized attach. dbl garage for all the toys!!
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Sir Sam's Lot $19,900

Pretty building lot for either a ranch bungalow or a walk out basement. Close to public beach on Eagle Lake and Sir Sam's Ski Resort.
Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

Room to Roam! $189,000

Over 7 acres of well forested land, great back yard, super location and wonderful family home with 3 bedrooms, 2 /12 baths, family room, attached garage!
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Hunter Creek Estates $59,900

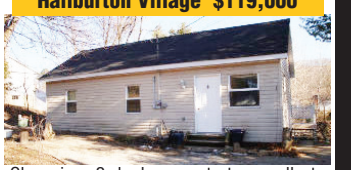
3 BR home with detached single car garage, paved drive, maintenance free siding + a ravine lot! Don't miss this one! Priced to sell!
David Lee 286-2138 x 27

Haliburton Lake $359,000

Big lake view, sand beach, level lot, good year round access, on one of Haliburton's finest lakes – everything you could ask for! Bonus – 4 bedroom cottage & Boathouse!
David Lee 286-2138 x 27

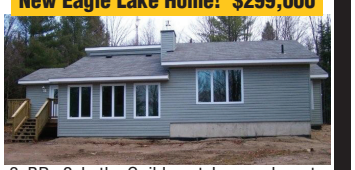
Kushog Lake $349,000

Charming 3 BR cottage on well treed lot with 190' of water ftg with good docking for all the toys. 14 miles of boating, great fishing lake and clean sand shoreline.
Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

Haliburton Village $119,000

Charming 2 bedroom starter, walk to Haliburton Village. Features laundry in basement and propane furnace. Municipal sewers. Great Value!
Deborah Deremo 457-2128 x 58

Eagle Lake Area $92,500

Great opportunity to get into the Real Estate Market. 2 bedroom home on private 2 acre lot with view of lake. Covered porch. Needs handy mans touch but has loads of potential.
Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

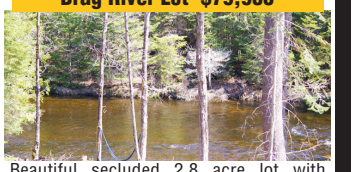
New Eagle Lake Home! $299,000

3 BR, 2 bath, Guildcrest home close to Sir Sam's. Over 2 acres with year-round access. Propane fireplace and jacuzzi tub.
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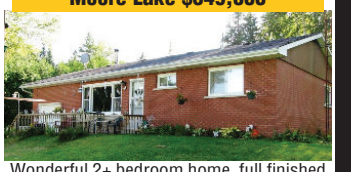
Excellent Rental Potential $339,000

3 bedroom, one level home on 7 acres, frontage on Maple Lake with additional year round 2 bedroom rental home. Great opportunity.
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Halbiem Cres. $979,900

Executive open concept home with 144' of waterfront overlooking Haliburton Village. Gourmet kitchen, separate studio apt, guest BR w/ensuite and much more. Ideal for B&B, or large family.
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Drag River Lot $79,900

Beautiful secluded 2.8 acre lot with over 240 ft frontage on the Drag River. Driveway in, building lot cleared, minutes to Minden or Haliburton.
Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24

Moore Lake $349,000

Wonderful 2+ bedroom home, full finished basement, attached garage, paved drive, central air, level lot 3 lake chain, big lake view.
David Lee 286-2138 x 27

3 Lake Chain $399,900

This cozy 3 BR cottage on 12 Mile Lake boasts wood floors, cathedral pine ceilings, impressive B.C. Fir Beams, and a woodstove complemented by stone backing.
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Kushog Lake $219,000

2 BR cedar Panabode features new wood stove, electric furnace, heated water line, and beautiful view of Kushog Lake, a great lot just over 4 1/2 acres off Highway 35.
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Maple Lake $529,000

Stunning custom 3 BR boasts gourmet kitchen, great room with gas fireplace, studio, screened room and so much more situated on a luscious 1.5 acre lot accessed from year round road.
Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968

Farquhar Lake $314,800

Excellent 3 BR cottage featuring south exp., year round road, 11 acres & 720' lake frontage with sandy beach area. Also includes a large deck, dock & garage.
Wilfred VanLieshout - 457-2128 x 27

Family Home Central $284,900

Spacious family home, open concept, 3 bedrooms on main floor, finished basement with 2 bedroom rental apt, double car garage and workshop
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Minden Starter Home $99,900

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Minden Lake $358,500

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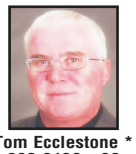

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